

preferred that the riving knife (22) be at a height slightly lower than the saw blade (16) height. This allows the riving knife (22) to be left in place for non-through cuts.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1-20 as follows (the changes in these Claims are shown with ~~striketrough~~ for deleted matter and underlines for added matter). A complete listing of the claims with proper claim identifiers is set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended): A table saw comprising:
 - a frame having a table top, said table top including a blade slot;
 - a saw blade extending through said blade slot;
 - a riving knife connected to said frame and aligned with said saw blade, said riving knife having a top and a bottom, said top having at least one slot; and
 - a guard releasably attached to said riving knife, said guard having a guard top plate, a multi-position pin mounted to said guard ~~said housing~~, said pin being moveable to a first position to attach securely said guard to said riving knife and moveable to a second position to allow for removal of said guard from said riving knife.
2. (Original): The table saw in claim 1 wherein said guard can be removed from said riving knife without the use of any tools.
3. (Original): The table saw in claim 1 wherein said guard further includes a second pin disposed on the lower half of said guard top plate;
 - said riving knife further includes a second slot; said riving knife slots being dogleg shaped slots which are in opposing directions;
 - said multi-position pin securely fitting in one riving knife slot and said second pin securely fitting in said other riving knife slot when said multi-position pin is in said first position; and
 - said multi-position pin and said second pin being removable from said slots when said multi-position pin is in said second position.

4. (Original): The table saw in claim 1 wherein said guard further includes a bail, said bail being pivotably mounted to said guard top plate so that said bail can be raised or lowered.

5. (Original): The table saw in claim 4 wherein said bail is arc-shaped.

6. (Original): The table saw in claim 1 wherein said guard further includes a viewing slot formed in said guard top plate, said viewing slot providing visible access to said saw blade, or a workpiece to be cut, or a scale on said table top.

7. (Original): The table saw in claim 1 wherein said guard further includes a magnifying lens, said lens being slidably attached to said guard top plate.

8. (Original): The table saw in claim 1 wherein said guard further includes a light source mounted to said guard top plate and oriented so that said light source illuminates one or more of said saw blade, a workpiece, or a cutting zone.

9. (Original): The table saw in claim 8 wherein said light source is mounted in a viewing slot formed in said guard top plate.

10. (Original): The table saw in claim 9 wherein said viewing slot in said guard top plate includes chamfered interior edges.

11. (Original): The table saw in claim 1 wherein said riving knife raises and lowers in unison with the saw blade.

12. (Original): A combination riving knife/guard for use with a table saw comprising:

a riving knife having at least one slot;

a guard having a guard top plate and at least one pin, said guard being releasably attachable to said riving knife by securing said pin to one of said slots;

said guard top plate having a viewing slot extending through the entire depth of said guard top plate; and

a bail pivotally attached to said guard top plate.

13. (Original): The combination riving knife/guard in claim 12 further comprising a magnifying lens slidably attached to the top portion of said guard top plate.

14. (Original): The combination riving knife/guard in claim 12 wherein said bail is a two-piece bail having a distinct left side bail portion and a distinct right side bail portion.

15. (Original): The combination riving knife/guard in claim 12 further comprising a second pin and a second slot;
said first pin being a multi-position pin;
said first and second slots receiving said multi-position pin and said second pin for securely mounting said guard to said riving knife when said multi-position pin is in a first position; and
said multi-position pin and second pin being removable from said first and second slots when said multi-position pin is in a second position.

16. (Original): The combination riving knife/guard in claim 12 wherein said guard can be attached or removed from said riving knife without using any tools.

17. (Original): A table saw comprising:
a frame having a table top, said table top including a blade slot;
a saw blade mounted to said frame and protruding above said blade slot;
a riving knife located rearward of and aligned with said blade and being fixedly adjustable with said blade height, said riving knife having at least two slots;
a guard mounted to said riving knife, said guard having a guard top plate, a first pin and a second pin, said first pin having a lever for providing a secured position for said first pin wherein said first and second pins are attached securely in said slots and a release position wherein said first and second pins are not secured in said slots and can be removed from said slots.

18. (Original): The table saw of claim 17 wherein said guard further includes a bail pivotally mounted to said guard top plate and capable of being positioned in an up

or a down position, said bail extending forward from the guard top plate when in said down position.

19. (Original): The table saw of claim 17 wherein said guard further includes a light, said guard top plate has a viewing slot, and said light being oriented to illuminate said saw blade.

20. (Currently Amended) The table saw of claim 17 wherein said guard further includes a magnifying lens adjustably ~~adjustable~~ mounted to said guard top plate.